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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2007 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed June 12, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a three (3) month extension of time to extend the period for filing the appeal brief from July 12, 2008 to October 12, 2008. By this amendment, forty-one

(41) claims remain pending in this application including eight (8) independent claims. Please charge our deposit account 03-0172, order number 22188/06985 in the amount of \$2,464 to cover the \$440 fee for two (2) independent claims not previously paid for, \$104 fee for two (2) total claims not previously paid for; \$1,110 fee for a three (3) month extension of time and the \$810 RCE filing fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.